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GRADE 8

Writing

Scoring Guide

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY

Purpose

- Portrays people, places, or things with vivid details to help the reader create a mental picture of what is being described
- Involves the reader so that he or she can visualize what or who is being described
- Creates or conveys a dominant impression of what is being described through sensory details
- Can be objective or subjective

Organizational Pattern

- Introduction/Beginning
 - ✓ Establishes the purpose
 - ✓ Sets the tone for the overall impression
 - ✓ May begin with a general statement followed by more specific statements related to the purpose
- Body/Middle
 - ✓ Specific details, examples or reasons
 - ✓ Anecdotes or "narrative chunks" may serve as details or examples
 - ✓ Transitions connect the ideas in a logical way
 - ✓ Transitions assist the flow from paragraph to paragraph
 - ✓ No prescribed number of paragraphs
- Conclusion/End
 - ✓ Gracefully ends the essay
 - ✓ May include a restatement of the writer's opinion or the main idea
 - ✓ May summarize the information given in the body
 - ✓ Reader should have a sense that things are "wrapped up."

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Ideas / Content

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Many things that I have are dear to me. That I couldn't live without. That I would do anything to keep them around. There is one thing though, that I would never give up, not even for all of the money in the world. It is a Recipe book that my Great-Grandma gave to me.

Before I tell you about my recipe book, I am going to tell you about mine and my grandma's relationship. Ever since I was 5 years old I would go to my grandma's house and bake with her at least once a week. She would get a huge smile on her face when she saw me run up her driveway with my violet colored apron on. If I could take my memories and put them into pictures, her fragile smiling face looking through her little kitchen window, would be hanging on my wall right by my bed where I could see it everyday. We experimented with any ingredient we could think of, vanilla, pumpkin seeds, plants from her garden, even green beans one time! The best part is sitting on her oak deck, in her porch swing, and smelling the delicious concoction we had just created. Once it was done baking in the unbearable heat of the oven, we would take it out and decorate however we wanted. Then we would take it out with some lemonade and talk about everything that was going on.

Now, let's talk about my recipe book. On Easter about 2 years ago my grandma gave me her recipe book. The only recipes in there were ones that we had sampled and approved together. It is accordion style on the inside with each tab labeled things from seafood to drinks. The labels were written in intricate gold writing, that my grandma wrote herself. The outside has a picture of an elderly woman and her granddaughter on the front. They looked exactly like my grandma and I! You would've had to look twice just to make sure someone didn't just shrink us down and stick us on the cover! My grandma and I share stunning blue eyes, as do the ladies on the cover. They are also almost the same height like us. The cupboards in the kitchen, even though they are a different color from my grandma's, are lined up the same way. Both the girl and the grandma are looking into a mixing bowl.

Every holiday my recipe book manages to find some place on her counter that does not have food already there. Many of our recipes are used each year for holiday dinners. My Great-Grandma, Grandma, and Great aunts all pitch in to make the dinner better than the last holiday dinner we made. My grandma and I sit together and watch people go through the line of food wondering what to take (usually they take a little bit of everything). I think that makes her whole holiday, watching people reaction to what we've made.

When my grandma gave me this book, I knew it was one of her most prized possessions. She trusted that I would take good care of it and pass it down through the generations. Knowing that she has the trust in me warms my heart everytime I think about it. Everytime I take out a recipe, I get memories of the day we made that recipe and how much fun we had doing it. This is a piece of her that I will always have, no matter what.

Ideas/Content: 4

4-4-4-4

In this response a clear and vivid picture of a recipe book is described, and the content is well-focused on the childhood memories of Great Grandma that the recipe book elicits. The writer has provided numerous and relevant sensory details that describe the book and the relationship with Grandma. The writer has provided many vivid memories that enable the reader to clearly understand why this recipe book is so special to the author.

Writing Topic

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Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

"No! That's not possible! How can I have misplaced it? Oh, there you are! You're such a trouble." It might not seem so important from someone else's perspective, but from mine it is. The image, features, and story are what created it so deeply important to me. My blanket is no simple ordinary blanket, but a unique and one of a kind baby blanket.

The image is one forth of a part why I enjoy it so much. To begin with, the blanket is about the size of a school projection white board. A turquoise rectangular block frame is around the blanket almost touching the binding. Sunset pink, grass green, and navy blue confetti the interior of the image. Consisting a bounteous amount of confetti, some object seems to overlaying an immense portion of it. In the center are two teady bears, a mama and a baby. Sitting at a 3D angle where they are hugging. The mama has charcoal eyes the size of a avocado seeds, feet the size of hard cover normal dictionary book with the paws baby pink in the center, and a body the length of a mini trampoline with a midnight blue shirt. The baby has the eyes of the about the size of the end of a tip of a marker cap, feet the size of toddlers hands, the body about the size of a sit and bounce ball with a violet pink top. I turn it over and the colors of the backing emerge in lighter colors than the front. Feeling the comfortable soft flat fur backing run through my fingers. Then observe the binding and grope a edge with none on it. Seemed to be ripped off... then memories slowly come flowing back when I can recall the situation.

The image isn't the only thing, the features add another one forth on to the uniqueness of my blanket. For example, the ripped binding came from when it had only a little rip and my hand got stuck in it when I forced my hand through it. The rip was so small compared to my wrist that my hand started to turn purple. My mom got me off the car at the hospital and ripped it even more to set my hand free. Then snipped it off with a pair of tiny sewing sissors she had in her purse. I was headed to the hospital because of a really bad sickness that almost cost me my life. I loved to cut things tiny chunks of fur off my blanket before I got a Barbie head. There's no tag, because the binding was sewn on by my aunt and the design was picked out by my uncle. I have done experiments on it that involved non-removable glue in the past, so it contains small amounts of dried up glue. The backing is glittery because every night after I shower I put glitter lotion on and it rubs against my blanket. Most importantly because of who gave it to me.

The story is the rest of what makes my blanket so unique. The blanket was given to me by my uncle the day I was born. I was the light and love of his life. Showering me with all his love and kindness, being the most wonderful brother to my mom. Then a tragety happens two hours after we had called him up on the phone onemorning. We were devastated by the news the day of his passing. I ran straight to my room and snatched my blanket from my bed and cried in it. The thought of crying on something that he had given me gave me more reasons to mourn his death. He was a kind, humorous person to be around. Now that he is gone it give me more reasons to charish this blanket. More reasons to never let it out of my reach. My dad doesn't get the reason why I have to take it with me everywhere I go. Sometimes he thinks that its time to throw it away. If I were to ever throw it away then that would mean that I would throw part of my heart away as well. My blanket is unique, because it has been through the sick, sadness, cold, and much more than a regualr blanket from any store has.

I'll keep this blanket with me for all eternity, so one day I can show my chidren how I did have something close to my heart. To feel the softness that I felt. The image that I saw and the story that it has been through. These three things are what made up my blanket into a beauty. Most say it's just a simple blanket, but I know that it is much more.

Ideas/Content: 4

4-4-4-3

In this response a clear and vivid picture of a special blanket has been described. The content is well-focused on the topic and the reader clearly understands why the blanket is so unique and important to the writer. Numerous sensory details are used to describe the blanket.

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

I believe that it is important to value the most important gifts in life. I have several meaningful gifts. I think the one gift that I cherish most is my cell phone. It can help me with numerous things. Even though most gifts aren't big, they can still mean a lot to someone. Having a cell phone can be helpful in many ways; it is very useful. It can be used for connection, to take pictures, and used for emergencies.

What I like doing most is staying in touch with all my funny and exciting friends and goofy family. I go to them when I am having a gloomy day. Also, when I get told I'm going to do something fun that day, I ask if they want to join. I also like to keep in touch with far away family. I always ask how everyone is doing and vice versa. It is always fun to talk to people who are very important to me. Keeping in touch with people helps me build trust for them.

Secondly, I cherish my phone because I am able to take pictures. I usually take pictures when I am with friends in a get together or when we hang out. I think anyone who is able to take pictures also takes pictures of important moments and things. My most memorable moments can be captured and saved so I can remember those times. All in all, I believe having a phone with a camera is very useful.

Lastly, your phone can be used for emergencies. Mostly, I use my phone to text or call my mom when I forgot something at home when I need it for school. Even if you're out in public, you can call the police if you are witnessing a crime and get it taken care of. If you're getting bullied or threatened you can report those texts or messages before that person tries doing anything to you.

Having a phone for emergencies is a way to be safe, help stop a crime, and if you're in big need of something. The appearance of my phone is very vivid. It is a light neon blue, tall and thin with tiny squares indented in on the back cover. The case of my eye-catching phone is a soft and cold, thick rectangular piece of plastic. It has pink, yellow, red, green, and blue squares on it. The squares are all sizes. This phone is very exciting to look at. All in all, I think it is very respectful to thank someone if they give you a gift.

Ideas/Content: 3

3-3-3-3

A clear and adequate picture of a phone has been described in this response. While the sensory details provided in the description are relevant, they are not numerous. The content is generally focused on the topic and the reader somewhat understands why the phone is important to the writer. More details are needed in order to provide a clearer more vivid description of the phone.

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

Why are my drums the most important thing to me? I have many of them. I know that I can make a new sound and rhythm every day that I play.

I got my drums for my fourteenth birthday. As soon as I saw Eric Singer play his drums at my first Kiss concert, I knew that that was the instrument that I wanted to play. I saw the curtain hanging up in my garage. I thought that my parents were just hiding our junk. But when they pulled the curtain back, I was overjoyed. I saw the shiny silver shell of the drums and the brass cymbals screaming at me to play them. The first time I played them was a moment of happiness. I knew then that I could play with my guitar playing dad.

Playing my drums gives me a sense of freedom. Knowing that I can play as loud as I want when I want is a satisfying feeling. I can listen to the radio and learn how to play songs from my favorite bands including Kiss and Metallica. My dad can play many songs and I can learn how to play them as well.

My drums are very important to me. They are the most expensive things that I own. I know that I have to take care of them. Playing with my dad shows him another thing that I can accomplish in my life.

My drums are the most important thing to me. I got them for my birthday. My drums give me a sense of freedom. Playing them often will improve on my playing and allow me to play harder songs.

Ideas/Content: 3

3-3-3-3

The picture of what is being described is generally clear in this response about a drum set. The content is generally focused on the topic and the sensory details describing the drums are adequate and related, but not numerous. The writer has adequately described reasons why the drums are important to him.

Writing Topic

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Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My Mom

Do you love your mom? because I do my mom is one of the wonderful lady you ever met. I'm going tell you her characterize.

To start of I'm going to describe her looks. My mom is over-long like a marshmallow. Her color skin is brown like when the leave turn brown on falls. She had black hair like when you go to a hole with out flashlight.

Next is her personally. My mom personally is amazing. she's hilarious if she was a like clown. My mom is always happy no matter what happns she never get sad. She's a really strong woman that been to alot of things.

My mommy really cares about her family like a kangaroo takes care of her baby. She loves my brothers and me like i love green apples. Mom is happy with my dad she loves him as if a cat loves playing with yarns.

What you think about my mom She's awesome right? I told you guys about how she looks, personally,intrests. I love her with all my heart like a baby puppy loves her mom. Her personally is really amazing she hilarious. She loves my brothers, dad and me but we love her more than i love soccer.

Ideas/Content: 2

2-2-2-2

The picture of what is being described is limited in this response about the writer's mom. While an attempt to use sensory details to describe mom has been made, the description is incomplete and unclear, as the details are not adequate. The content is limited and ideas lack sufficient development in order to present a clearer picture to the reader.

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Writing Topic

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Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

What sport do cowgirls and cowboys do? The sport of rodeo. The sport of rodeo is important to me in many ways. To begin, the sport of rodeo has many events. Next, the conditions for rodeo. Lastly, people coming to watch cowgirls and cowboys competing.

To begin, the sport of rodeo has many events. One of the sports only cowboys can do is roping. Barrel racing is the only women's event in rodeo today. People can ride broncs two ways one by bareback and the other by saddle. The best part of the whole rodeo is bull riding.

Next, the conditions for rodeo. It is almost always hot. There is always lots and lots of excitement in the sport of rodeo. Noise fills the air when someone wins. The worst condition is that it is a long day.

Lastly, people coming to watch cowgirls and cowboys competing. Contestants will always be there. Family members will be there to support the contestants. Fans come to make the noise. The announcers announce who is up next.

The sport of rodeo is important to me. To begin, the sport of rodeo has many events. Next, the conditions for rodeo. Lastly, people coming to watch cowgirls and cowboys competing.

Ideas/Content: 2

2-3-2-2

A limited picture of the rodeo has been described in this response. While an attempt to describe the rodeo has been made, the sensory details are limited and the content is mainly a list of facts about the rodeo. The description is incomplete.

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My teddy bear is important to me why? cause it was a gift from my mom where I want to get her everything and. Her name is pinker ball where did I get her name from the movie tinker bell her name is like that cause she is pink with white heart's and. I went to build a bear workshop where there lot's of toy's you can make and I made a teddy bear there's lot's of other toy's to make in build a bear workshop I was so happy with my teddy bear. the end.

Ideas/Content: 1

1-1-1-1

The picture of what is being described is unclear in this brief response about a teddy bear. The content lacks development of any ideas or description of the bear, and sensory details are missing. The reader has little understanding as to why this bear is important to the writer.

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Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My most important thing to me is my spelling bee awards and medals. I won them four years in a row. They said "Thank you for participating in this years spelling bee; this award goes to DEANDRE." It is important to me because it proves to me I am good at spelling and speking in front of an audience.

Ideas/Content: 1

1-1-1-2

In this very brief response about the writer's spelling bee awards, the picture of what is being described is unclear. The content lacks development of any ideas, and sensory details are lacking.

Organization

Writing Topic

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Most people have some sort of object of sentimental value. I'm one of those people and my special object is a stuffed bear. His name is Mr. Fuggles and I always had him with me as a small child. I will describe his head, body, and the great story behind him.

First of all, Mr. Fuggles has a significantly sized head. It's round and has fuzzy ears perched on the top scouting for nearby sounds. His warm milk chocolatey eyes are bulging and glistening like a marble. They look up in anticipation. In the center of the face is his apricot, little bump of a snout. Sitting in the middle of that is his olive sized nose with a solid black scratch. Hidden under his snout is his charcoal black, thinly stitched smile. Along with his head comes a unique body.

Mr. Fuggles' whole body from head to toe is covered with short velvety fur the color of faded caramel. The core of his body is the round torso. It's somehow a bit smaller than his head which is what makes his head look so significantly sized. Attached to his torso is the legs that stick forward in a slant. On the bottom of the feet are apricot colored, stretched half circles. Sticking out towards the sides of his torso are the arms that curve in position for a "bear" hug. Behind this body is an interesting and humorous story.

It all started about eleven years ago at Shop-Ko. My mom and I were just shopping when I spotted the most amazing bear calling out my name. I quickly snatched it up like a frog with a fly, and refused to release like a bear fishing for slippery salmon. Most moms would have scolded and instructed to return it, but my mom saw how attached I was to it, so she purchased Mr. Fuggles. The following day, I had been walking and I suddenly and carelessly dropped Mr. Fuggles on his nose. I was heartbroken when I noticed the horrible scrape on his nose. I alarmed my mom of the situation and she slapped a Band-Aid on it. The next morning my mom removed the Band-Aid and revealed that his battle wound from the floor disappeared. I jumped up and yipped, "It's healed! Thanks mom!" Now I know that all she did was secretly buy a new Mr. Fuggles and cleverly replaced it during the night while I was sleeping.

So, that's my little buddy Mr. Fuggles. I loved that bear so much. I described his round head, fuzzy body, and amazing story. Overall, Mr. Fuggles was a special and important object to me.

Organization: 4

4-4-4-4

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is effective in this response about a stuffed bear. An effective introduction along with well-planned transitional phrases at the end of each paragraph, effectively connect the main ideas together. Pacing is well controlled throughout the response, as each idea leads smoothly to the next in a logical, flowing progression of ideas. Paragraphing is sound.

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Do you have something important to you that you use on a daily basis? I'm sure most people use cell phones throughout their day if they own one. Cell phones have become a part of our daily lives, along with other modern technology, and if anyone asked me to describe my phone's appearance or importance, I could easily list off descriptions for them.

If you placed my cell phone in a bowl of 20 others, I could pick out mine pretty easily. The rectangular gray device has silver edges that are almost always concealed by a royal blue case for protection. Despite only having 12 keys on the front, it actually has a full keyboard inside it that you can see when the top screen is flipped up. A Verizon symbol is placed both inside and out, right above the two colorful pictures I have set as my different backgrounds. When you click throughout the screens, you'll notice that they are all different vibrant colors. Even if someone were to show me the exact same model of phone, I would recognize mine because of the unique scratches across it from being accidentally dropped so many times. The battery is partially chipped due to my older cousin, Ryan, running into me and accidentally making me drop it across the cement on our driveway. The speakers have orange stuff stuck inside of them from the times I have worn my neon orange shorts.

Sight is not the only description, however. My phone has always felt slightly heavy in my hand, making it seem both firm and solid. Despite being almost two years old, the voice coming through the speakers sounds both clear and crisp, and I get good reception almost anywhere I take it, including when we have gone on vacation in the mountains. If you were to smell my phone, you would catch the scent of denim from it being shoved into the pockets of my jeans on so many occasions in the time I have had it. It feels familiar when I pick it up, the shape and weight both feeling natural and secure in my hand. My fingers can fly across the keyboard without me even having to glance at the keys.

Most importantly, my phone has proved itself to be quite helpful. I know if I ever have an emergency, my phone will be there to call for help, and if my friends or family ever have an emergency, their phone is there for them. After school, church, games, practice, or anything during my day, if I need a ride home or I need someone to bring something, I can call someone. Many of my friends have cell phones, so if I ever need help with homework, or if they do, we can text or call each other. Even if we just need to talk, we can also call or text. If I ever need to talk to any of my family members if there's an event or a holiday, I can call them. Reminders have saved me from getting in trouble on numerous occasions. The alarm tool is what wakes me up for school on time every morning in case the power goes out and shuts off my regular alarm clock. All of my reminders are stored in the calendar and have an alarm set to go off whenever I need it.

My cell phone is obviously important to me in a number of ways; I'd be lost without it. Out of many of the things I have been given as gifts, my phone is pretty close to the top of the list.

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4-4-4-4

Organization: 4

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is effective in this response about the author's cell phone. Transitions effectively show how ideas connect and the paragraphing is sound. Pacing is well-controlled throughout the response as each idea moves to the next in a logical progression of ideas. A somewhat weaker ending does not affect the overall control of the organization.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

One thing that is important to me would have to be my purple blanket. I have had it since I was three years old. It's very soft and also very worn out. I always carry it with me around the house just as I did many years ago. It's important to me because it brings back memories that most people would forget. Like times when they got sick and were cold and needed something to warm them up. Also it's important to me because when I was younger I used to hate thunderstorms and it always made me feel safe. If there was anything to describe my blanket I would have to say words like, soft, friendly, worn out, or even maybe best friend.

I liked using it because it always made happy and warm inside. It was always something that kept me safe and whenever I had it I was happy. My grandma has told me many stories of when I was younger and I would never let anyone near or touch my blanket. I can believe it to be true because of how tied I am with it. I guess you could say my eleven year old blanket is like part of my everyday life. When I get sick I always lay on the couch with it and have it around me. It has holes at the end of it because my dog ripped it and tore most of the stuffing out.

I can never get over how long me and that blanket have been together. Of course now I never really take it with me unless we go on long car trips and I use it to take naps with. Sometimes still I always build me a tent with it because it reminds me of the good old days when me and my cousins would make forts all the time. I even remember bringing it to the table for super. The first time it ever got washed I cried and cried till I got it back because I never liked letting the blanket go until I started prechool. It's the most amazing thing in my life and I could NOT imagine a life without it. Sometimes I think I am overly to attached to it.

If it wasn't for the blanket getting me through my childhood, I don't think I would be able to do most of what I do. I was always shy unless I had my blanket with me and when I didn't I never talked to anyone I didn't know. To me my I feel like I couldn't be happy without it. It means a lot to me that it's still with me today and I don't plan on getting rid of it, ever!

Organization: 3

3-3-3-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is generally functional in this response about a favorite purple blanket. While pacing is generally controlled and the internal transitions are adequate, any effective transitions that connect the ideas together are missing.

Paragraphing is generally successful.

Writing Topic

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Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

There are many things that are important to me. One thing that is important to me is my ipod. The reasons why it is important are, the characteristics of the ipod, how I got it, and because of the activities I do with it.

First, the characteristics of my ipod make it significant. The colors that cover it are black and silver. The ipod is also small enough to fit in my pockets. It is easy to hold because it is very thin.

Next, the way I got my ipod makes it consequential. I got my ipod for Christmas. It was the Christmas of 2011. My parents got it for me. Since my parents got it for me it is really important.

Futhermore, the activities I do with it make it pompous. Sometimes I listen to music from my ipod. I also use apps. The apps I have are mostly games that I play.

Finally, what is an important thing to me? My ipod is important to me. The reasons why are, the characteristics of my ipod, how I got it, and because of the activities I do with it.

Organization: 3

2-3-2-3

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is functional in this response about an iPod. Transitions are adequate but not effective. Pacing is generally controlled and paragraphing is generally successful.

Writing Topic

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Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

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My important thing

Have you ever had some thing important to you before? I have. It is cute and adorable. I love it so much. Keep reading if you want to know what it is.

My important thing is my 21 week old rat terrier beagle mix puppy. He means a lot to me, he has a white neck with a black body and a wrinkly brown and black head and dark brown eyes makes him so cute. he only weighs 45 pounds and is very hyper. He is important to me.

His name is Chance. He came from the Humane Society. We have only had him for 20 weeks. He has sharp little teeth and a big appetite. He always smells dirty tell bath time when my dad and me get a bath too. He can smell loveable if you let him kiss you. His fur is soft and smooth, with not much hair. I would recomend shutting your door at night or you will get a little suprise in the morning. He is important to me.

He is important to me, my furry little pal. He is my little brother, my best friend, he is my puppy. That is what is important to me.

Organization: 2

3-2-2-2

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is limited in this response about a puppy. Pacing is inconsistent as the main body of the essay appears to be a list of ideas that are in a somewhat random order and lack adequate transitions to connect the ideas.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

The three things that I might earn are phone, computer and room. These are important to me because I'll need the computer to do my homework, my room to sleep in and my phone to have just in case of an emergency.

The first thing that I'm going to talk about is my phone. Well my phone looks like a PSP Go, but without the handles. Also it has a 2 peace protection. The awesome of the protection is that its color is black. I need a memory card to download games and apps. I need to get good grades so I can get the phone. I need to get at least an A or B on the progress and report card.

The next thing that I'll talk about is a computer. I don't know what kind of computer he is going to buy me. Well I need a WIFI for the internet to work. So for I can get the computer I need to get good grades no c's, d's or f's in my progress and report card. When I do get my computer I will do my homework then play games like: Angry birds and Minecraft.

The final thing that I am going to talk about is my room. I need my room to sleep in, hang out and do homework. My room looks like a xxxl closet with another closet inside.

All of these things are important to me because they might become part of my life.

Organization: 2

2-2-2-2

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is limited in this response about the author's phone, computer and room. While simple, somewhat weak and repetitive transitional phrases introduce each of the three main ideas, each paragraph is a list of ideas with few if any transitions connecting the ideas. Pacing is inconsistent and the conclusion is weak.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

A perfume that my mom and my step Dad gave me. It is small. It smells like a girl. It has a flower on it. It is the first thing I got from my mom and step Dad. I got it last Christmas. It is nice to carry around. It could fit in any big or small

bag. It could fit in a small or big locker. It could break if you drop it on a floor

it will not break on carpet. The glass part is small that now I think it is almost done. You have to be careful when you are holding it.

Organization: 1

1-1-1-1

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is lacking in this brief response about perfume. Transitions connecting ideas are missing. Pacing is awkward, and paragraphing is ineffective. An abrupt ending with no conclusion is evident.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

The most important thing to me is my blanket. My blanket i got for christmas has dora design's. My blanket was babby blue. My blanket pretty long and big. I like my blanket cause it has design and it keep me warm at night.

When i got my blanket i was so happy because i got it for christmas. that was the most important thing in my life because it what i like and what i got .

that day i got my blanket i was so happu. my blanket is so warm . i like my blanket cause it is baby blue and i like the color. my blanket can get me warm in a 1 cause it fluffy.

i like my gift from my mom. the most important thing of christmas is that u get gift and other thing you eat food. christmas is a holiday some people dont celebration christmas it fun to and u get thing that you want.

the thing i like about christmas is when we get gift and toy. i like to play on christmas. christmas holiday is when it start to snow and it fun so kids can go out side and play with the snow.

Organization: 1

2-1-2-1

The structural development of an introduction, body, and conclusion is lacking in this response about the author's blanket. Paragraphing is ineffective and pacing is awkward. Transitions are missing and connections are unclear. An abrupt ending with no conclusion is evident.

Voice / Word Choice

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

Nigel is my six year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi and I love him to death. He is special to me, because before him I was an only child and now, I have a friend. His cute looks, amazing personality, and how he came to be mine makes him unique. Nigel is an extraordinary Corgi who makes people happy.

Nigel's physical features build a dog that is irresistible. All Corgis either have a red and white coat or a tri-color coat. Nigel is red and white. The red is pretty much like blonde, but in dog world it's called red. His double-layer fur coat is as soft as a fleece blanket. Foxes took a toll on the Pembroke Corgi's face. Corgis have fox faces and velutinous, pointed ears. Since Nigel was bred for herding cattle, he has to be quick on his feet. His short, stubby legs make him surprisingly speedy. Part of the breeding process involves docking their tails. Nigel's tail is docked, but they docked it a little too short. He doesn't really have much of a tail, but he makes up for it by wiggling his entire body. As anyone can see, Nigel is adorable.

A dog's personality is what makes each and every dog different from one another. My Corgi's personality is marvelous. Most Corgis are energetic because of their herding characteristic. Nigel, on the other hand, is extremely laid-back and loves to sleep. I've decided that the three most things in Nigel's life are food, sleep, and people. When it's his dinner time, he sits and stares at you expectantly. When we come home, he brings a toy or bone to show us what he has. Of course he doesn't get a toy until after he is climbing out of my bed! If he isn't sleeping when we are gone then he's getting into trouble. Our theory that is when we leave he gets mad, so he barks angrily at us. Nigel's individuality is unlike any other dog's personality.

Nigel was my mom's fiancé's dog before he was mine as well. Spencer, my mom's fiancé, raised him from a pup. We always joke that Nigel is a dog version of Spencer. They are so much alike, it's ridiculous! When they moved in with my mom and I, Nigel became ours too. I knew I wanted him as soon as I met him. I mean how could you not? Now, he sleeps with me at night and in my bed during the day when I'm gone. Nigel was also the gateway for my mom liking dogs and eventually she wanted another dog. At first, Nigel hated Lexie. He wouldn't even look at her and now he protects her. I'm glad I have him, because without him I wouldn't have a friend or a furry roommate.

As you can see, Nigel is a very exceptional dog that I love. Although he may not love me as much as he loves food, he still kinda loves me. His charming looks, unforgettable personality, and his story of coming into my life makes him mine. He is very important to me and always will be and I wouldn't trade him for the world. Nigel is my best friend.

Voice/Word Choice: 4

4-4-4-4

In this response about the writer's Welsh corgi, the wording is expressive and engaging, conveying a strong sense of the writer throughout the essay. Numerous vivid words and phrases are used effectively to describe the dog, and the reader clearly understands why the dog is important to the writer. The strong voice is well suited for the purpose and audience, and the descriptive language is specific, precise and varied throughout the response.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My Dog

Do you have something you just can't live without? Is it a game, a toy or even a little bracelet? It could even be your family, who love and adore you every day. Though all these things are great, the one thing that I absolutely could not live without would be my dog, Indy. Whether it's when I'm bored and just can't find anything to do, if it's going over to the neighbor's house and playing with their dog, or if it's just making me do the things I rather wouldn't, my dog is very important to me and I will always make the most out of all the moments we share together.

The day I had gotten my dog was a great, fun-filled day and ever since then I've known that I would never be bored again as long as my dog's by my side. Whenever I'm sitting on the couch watching television like an old, rotten potato I know I can always call my dog and she will be running at me, barking and jumping with excitement. As I pick up her chewed on, soggy ball and head outside she begins to circle me and jump around wildly until I throw the old tennis ball. She chases after the ball faster than a speeding bullet, kicking up all the grass and dirt behind her as she digs her sharp, speedy claws into the hard ground. She jumps up, catches the ball as it is bouncing and as she tries to slow down, BAM! She smashes straight into the fence with all the force of a wrecking ball. I burst out laughing, but my dog just comes prancing back to me, ready for me to throw the ball again.

My dog also loves other dogs, and when it comes to the neighbor's dog she just falls in love. As we jump over the neighbor's fence Indy scouts out the area, searching for her friend. She peeks her head into a bush, and the neighbor's dog comes running out of the house, playfully tackling Indy from behind. They growl and wrestle, then fly by my feet and almost knock me down. They keep playing relentlessly, drooling and slobbering all over each other that by the time they get done they are both soaking in spit, panting and begging for water. Just as Indy is done drinking the sparkling water we head home, both ready to take a nap.

Although having a dog is fun, there are also many "not so fun" things about having a dog, too. Every morning I have to feed my dog, but that's far from the bad part. Whenever I forget to feed her my dad makes me do even more work. Whether it's cleaning the greasy, smelly dishes or mopping the floor with an old, soggy mop, making sure the entire floor is sparkling clean, my dad will find something for me to do. Another part to the responsibility of having a dog is probably one of the smelliest, most disgusting chores I have. Cleaning up my dog's poop is nasty, and as you pick up the dung on a hot summer's day, it smells like rotten, canned tuna and runs out of the scoop like a river, making it almost impossible to pick up.

If it weren't for my dog I don't know what I'd do. She keeps me company, makes me laugh and even gives me a little responsibility when I need it. If it weren't for that first day I'd gotten my dog, I don't know what I'd be doing.

Voice/Word Choice: 4

4-4-4-4

In this response about the writer's dog, the wording is expressive and engaging and conveys a strong sense of the writer throughout the essay. A strong voice, with many personal observations about the dog, is well suited for the purpose and audience, and the descriptive language is specific, precise and varied throughout the response. Numerous vivid words and phrases are used effectively and the reader clearly understands why the dog is important to the writer.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My Drums

Why is my drum set important to me? Because I worked hard to earn them. My parents told me if I got straight A's on my report card they would buy me a drum set. So I worked hard and earned them myself. There are many reasons my drum set is important to me.

A metallic silver, my drum set is fairly large. It is in my room right in front of my bed. It takes up a lot of room but it is worth it. The hi-hat and crash cymbals are pretty worn out but still work very well. The snare drum head is pretty loose and always needs tightening. The bass drum is very big and reads "Ddrum2" on the head. I have nothing in the bass drum to muffle the sound so it is very loud and deep. The drum set consists of the hi-hat, snare drum, crash cymbal, ride cymbal, and the 3 toms. The 3 toms are high sounding, normal, and deep sounding.

The sound is very loud. Being behind the set I have gotten use to the sound but my family hasn't. The sound can sound loud and nonsense but it can have a good beat to it. Like I've said before the snare drum is very loose so it is hard to make a good sound come from that but it still serves its purpose.

One day I was drumming my hardest. Then my drum stick cracked and broke. The tip of the stick flew back and almost hit me in the face. I dodged it but it stuck into the wall behind me! Another day, I was so pumped up, I accidentally threw my stick across the room! I then found it stuck in my door! It made a big hole and I wasn't happy about that and neither was my mother. My dream is to play drums in a band when I'm older. Right now I play in a band at my church called "**Living Stones**". I play at church services. I also play in the hispanic worship at my church but that is different because they have an electric drum set.

So why is my drum set so meaningful to me? I earned it myself with good grades. It is metallic silver color and it gives me something to do when I'm bored. It is very loud and can get me pumped up for anything. And maybe, just maybe with a little bit of practice, I can someday be in a band. That is why my drum set is significant to me.

Voice/Word Choice: 3

4-3-3-4

In this response about a drum set, the wording is generally expressive and conveys a certain sense of the writer and why the drum set is so important to the writer. The voice is generally appropriate for the purpose and audience, and the language is generally specific and varied. A few vivid words and phrases adequately describe the drum set and the writer's experience while playing them.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

Do you like cats? I do and my cat's name is Vespa. Vespa was born June 19th 2012. She is a very calm cat that loves to be pet. Vespa is a very important thing in my life.

First, Vespa has many markings. She has a big face. On her face she has black, white, orange, and brown. Her feet are also big and some of her paws are black others are pink. Her tail has many colors which are black, brown, and white. The colors mix together like a painting. Her fur is very poofy and fluffy, and it makes her look bigger than she really is. Her eyes are a very light blue and large. When she is happy she will put her face into yours showing affection for the petting. When she is asleep she finds a comfortable spot, curls up, and goes to sleep.

Second, is her feel. Vespa's back is very soft. When I pet her it feels like I am petting a cloud. Her face is very smooth and your hand glides on her face. Her claws are very sharp and hard. If you make her mad she will bite you with needle like teeth, but that is only on rare occasion. Her tail is also very fluffy and soft.

Lastly is her sound. When Vespa is getting pet she will almost automatically start to purr. Sometimes she will purr so loud I can not hear the TV. If you are playing too rugged with her she will let out a short, high, rough "meow". When she is asleep she makes no sound at all.

Vespa is a very cute cat. She calms me down when I am stressed. She also makes me feel better when I feel down. She is very important to me.

Voice/Word Choice: 3

3-3-3

In this response about the writer's cat Vespa, the wording is generally expressive and conveys a certain sense of the writer. The voice is generally appropriate for the purpose and audience, and the language is generally specific and varied. Some vivid words and phrases adequately describe Vespa, and how she feels and sounds. The reader has a general understanding of why the cat is so important to the reader.

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

One day I was sitting at home and my mom and dad came busting threw the door and said close your eyes. So I asked them why and they said just do it so I finally did it. Then they said you can open your eyes now I opened my eyes and I saw a brand new casio piano sitting right in front of me. My parents said go head try it out so I tried it out and it sounded wonderful. It had 100 beats and 50 songs on it and it alo can teach you how to play. I asked my mom how did they find out about the piano and she said that she ran in to somebody who wanted to sell it and she said for how much and they said a cheap price so my mom said that we will take it. And that is why I have that piano still to this day.

Voice/Word Choice: 2

2-2-2-2

A limited sense of the writer is evident in this response about a piano. The language is only occasionally expressive with some vivid words and phrases used to describe the day the writer got the piano. More sensory details are needed to describe the piano so that the reader can clearly picture it, and understand its importance to the writer.

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

It was my birthday and my family threw a party, I felt loved. I had me a glamorous looking birthday cake that looked mighty tasty. I hear people telling me happy birthday. I felt ice cream and cake all over my plate and while I ate it I could taste a lot of chocolate. I could smell the aroma of chocolate cookies that could open up your nose. Everyone started singing happy birthday. I saw the most coolest thing ever, it was a brand new PS3 game system.

It had brand new remote control with 2 new games. I felt ecstatic and played my superly awesome game for about an hour straight. I saw a lot of intense graphics a game called Saints Row the Third. People felt so proud of me.

Voice/Word Choice: 2

2-1-2-2

In this somewhat brief response about a birthday party and a PS3 game system, a limited sense of the writer is evident. Language is occasionally precise and varied in the description of the party and the gift. The voice is only sometimes appropriate for the purpose, and the reader has a limited idea as to why these are so important to the writer.

Writing Topic

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Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

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when i got my xbox 360 my mom and dad took me to the store to get it. there were different colors but i got black one. when i got my xbox 360 my dad pick a game out for me it was a fun game. then my mom pick a game for me it was a fun game too. that was funny how my mom and dad pick a game for me and they did not let me pick. sometimes my mom or dad take me to the store so i can get a game like black ops or mw3 i like playing those games they are fun to play. some of the games i get can be easy to play. some of them are so easy i stop playing them. sometimes there games i play all day long like black ops and mw3. sometimes when i play my game i like to play with someone. sometimes i will play with my friends thats lots of fun. sometimes i like to play with my two brothers that is fun. sometimes i play video games with my sister that not fun. sometimes i play by my self thats a lot of fun play different video games and just having fun.

Voice/Word Choice: 1

2-1-1-1

The wording in this response about an Xbox360 is inexpressive and lifeless, conveying little sense of the writer. The language is neither specific or precise nor varied and vivid words or phrases are missing. The voice is inappropriate for the purpose and the reader has little idea why the Xbox360 is important to the writer beside the fact that it is fun.

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My topic are waht it look like, how i got it and why it specal to me. My gift was a shone call vans.

How do my shone look like they have chess color look lie gray and black. My shone size are 8 and a half and caot 80 doller. The color of the shone ropeis black.

How I got my shone, I got them on my brithday, I was 10 year old. I got my shone from my mom.

This is specal to me becaue, I like to waer vans all the time and everywhere. My mom buy vans for me because she no that i like vans and she buy me gray and black because, those are my favite color that why she buy me vans for my 10brithbay.

Voice/Word Choice: 1

2-1-1-1

The wording in this brief essay about the writer's shoes conveys little sense of the writer. Language is neither specific or precise, nor varied. Very few vivid words or phrases are evident and the voice is somewhat inappropriate for the purpose.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

Baseball: More Than a Game to Me

I know to a lot of people their family is the most important thing that they could ever think of, or a family member teaches them everything that they know. Maybe to some it that plush, fuzzy teddy bear with the fringe around the waistline. To me though, the most important thing in my life is baseball. It gets me out of the house on a Sunday afternoon, teaches me things that no parent ever could, and without baseball I wouldn't have the same friends that I have today.

Though it may be a game, baseball has kept me up and running for the past 7 years. Being outside in the sweltering summer sun with sweat dripping down my sunburnt neck, that's what I live for. Though, to be able to play well takes a lot of work and a lot of dedication. I am up at 7:30 every Saturday morning, head-to-head to the extreme and still half asleep, taking 150 to 200 hacks (that's swings in baseball lingo) and doing all the "fun stuff"--like push-ups, sit-ups, jump roping, and of course the occasional lap or two around the ball field, no matter what the weather. So it's safe to say I'm not turning into a couch potato just yet.

Playing baseball and having coaches that teach you all the mechanics still can't quite teach you all the things that playing the game can. For one, you learn what it means to have a real work ethic, no matter what you are doing. When you are in the batting cage and workings till your arms grow weak and feel like Jello, and you are drenched in salty, disgusting sweat, you'll still have a grin on your face because you'll know that you have accomplished something. I also know that I've definitely learned what it means to be a team player. When a team mate goes up to the plate and strikes out, you have to encourage them and then keep going on doing whatever it takes to help the team. Though, the most important thing I've learned from baseball is that winning isn't everything. When the stadium lights are glaring down on your tear-sticken eyes because you've lost the championship game, you get over it because in the end you learn from your mistakes and they make you even better.

Then again, baseball is a ton of fun too. To me, my favorite part is meeting all sorts of new friends and families that shape your character. Though some of the adults you meet may smell slightly of alcohol and might get a little too into the game, they are the people you will remember in twenty years and still smile about them. By playing baseball I have also gained many friends that are still teammates of mine today. One of which may be the most annoying kid you've ever met. Their dark brunette, choppy buzz cut encompasses their entire personality, but without him I wouldn't be the same person I am today.

So whether it be the lessons I wouldn't learn anywhere else, or the people I meet along the way, or the perspiration-drenched jerseys: baseball is very important to me. Though it may be just a strip of soft cowhide leather dyed white and stitched curvy crimson red, baseball is more than a game to me.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 4

4-4-4-4

Sentences vary in length and structure throughout this response about baseball. Phrasing consistently sounds natural and conveys meaning. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are consistently correct.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

Constant yelling, occasional crying, continuous laughter, never leaving, perpetually there for you, and most of all unconditional love. What do all of these characteristics have in common? They all come with families of course! My family is everything to me. They're perpetually there, they're always able to comfort me, and they constantly buttress my happiness. These things make up my family, and they are the most important thing in my life.

My family is made up of my mom and dad, three brothers and, one sister. Every last one of my brothers have light brown hair, almost the color of chestnuts. My sister has bright, vibrant, shiny blonde hair. Everyone in my family also has gorgeous blue eyes as if the ocean is always being reflected into them. My siblings are constantly standing by me, even when it isn't desired. I come to them with every predicament I may be in, and they welcome me with warm heart and forgiveness in their eyes. They are all older than me and provide me with a blanket of security, and wisdom beyond their years in the advice I ask of them.

Every human in the humongous world has had a day where nothing is going decently. They get an unpleasant grade on a test, society is being cruel, or even that you just feel ill. As soon as I creak open the old, wooden door that leads into my welcoming home, there is my family waiting to be of service to me, and support improving my mood. As soon as they make the ludicrous faces, they often do, I can't help but lose myself in a wave a laughter and relief that my day has been improved. They pass along enormous bear hugs that make me feel like nothing in the entire galaxy will ever hurt me. If needed, they provide me with advice that puts my problems into an entirely new perspective. I come to them with anything and everything, and they always find a way to make things superior to how they were before as if they had super powers.

We have all done things others strongly veto in life. No matter what I have done earlier or presently in life, my family supports. They go to every last play, sporting event, and even those long dreaded choir concerts. I can always gaze into the crowd and espy my family, perched on their seats waiting to watch the baby of the family take the enormous, echoing stage. Even if they don't agree with my hobbies, they always drag themselves to things they don't desire to be at just to support me. I have to state the fact that, that is the most marvelous feeling in the world. I couldn't catechize for anything superior.

Between all the yelling, fighting, laughing, caring, and loving that occurs in my family, they have become the most important thing in my life. I couldn't desire anything more than what they have already given me; life lessons, cheering me up, and of course supporting me through everything. They are my best friends that will last all through my life, and that will never change, even in a million years.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 4

4-4-4-4

Sentences vary in length and structure throughout this response about family. Phrasing consistently sounds natural and conveys meaning. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are consistently correct.

Writing Topic

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Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My life revolves around writing like the earth revolves around the sun. A pencil and a piece of paper are my children, I feed them with the magic of words. When people read what I've wrote I want them to think, "This is beautiful," to think I deserve to be where I am in the feild of writing, after all, writing is my life.

My life depends on how far the pencil can take me to reaching a world of pe ace. I write to let the anger out I keep blobbed up like a squirrell stores nuts. I write poetry to let the pain cease for one minute, to let me know it will be okay in the end. I write stories to let the happiness reflect on the personality of a famous character, to let the character feel strong enough to beat whatever monster lies ahead of the journey she is to come. When I speak I may not have the right words, but when I write everything spontaneously falls into place. I write letters to apologies for my stupidity, to let my words hipmitize someone into forgiving me. When I write, sometimes I cry because I realize just how precious the words are ta I have just written. If you gave me millions and millions of peices of paper and a pencil, I would be occupied for hours. I would be nothing without some paper and a pencil.

A pencil and some paper goes together likes socks and shoes. If you didn't have a encil the paper would be blank and lonely, pleading out, "Use me, write on me!". Without paper you'd probaly start writing on tables and walls, which would make alot people lose their heads. They go together very well because they both have the same meaning, their mission is to help create beauty from out minds on paper and let the whole world see our true identity even though we are not directly looking at them. A pencil and a piece of paper is kind of like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, it doesnt taste write with just the peanute butter, the jelly makes it burst with flavor like lava bursting out of a valcanoe. Paper and a pencil look smoothe and flawless together, they are a masterpiece. The best thing about a pencil and paper is the things you can create. Poetry and stories are magical because they can thrill you to the very end. Speeches and homework make your voice heard and your point made. To make a best-selling book and make alot of money.

The thing about writing is that when you write it seems as if your known, respected and you can imagine things more clearer. The achievements you can make in the writing feild for just speaking your mind are triumphant. Trophies for a best-selling book, money to buy anything you have ever dreamed, and the satisfaction of knowing you created something wonderful, just about makes this y dream career. The beauty of words and books that changes people's lives are amaxing. You would have never seen it coming, like a dodge ball thrown at your face, that your mixed up words saved someones precious life.

My hands crave for a pencil and paper. My mind shouts for a nice poem to get herself cleaned out. The future pleads for my helpful words of wisdom and acheivment to make a better tormmorow. My life depends upon how far my mind can wonder with a pencil in hand, scribbling ideas for the next "thing". My life is writing and that will never change.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 3

4-4-4-3

Sentences generally vary in length and structure in this response about a pencil and a piece of paper. The sentences are usually correct and some run-ons do not confuse the reader. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are usually correct and a few errors do not distract the reader. Phrasing generally sounds natural.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

It's that time of year where it's going to snow all day and we're going to have cold nights. You're not going to wearing tank tops and shorts anymore when you go outside right? You're going to be wearing a big long hoodie and or jacket, just like me. I love wearing my American Eagle hoodie.

My hoodie is a faded, Navy blue, color. With letters in the middle that say "American Eagle 1st tracks." Below that it has a number four with little angel wings on the left and right side. The word Eagle and the number four are the ones that stand out the most because it's in a torquise and is writtin in cursive while the rest of the words are in white and in block letters. Underneath the wings is the pouch. That's where I put everything I don't want to hold in there. It so much better than a zip up sweater's pockets because everything in there will fall out.

Now this sweater has two different types of smells. One is when it gets right out of the dryer and it smells new. The second is the funky smell where it's just an odd, sweaty, weird, smell. I prefer the first one of course because it always smells like fresh and like rose petals from my perfume. The funky smell comes from when I wear it to play some sports or something, Or I've been wearing it for to long because it is old.

It's soft and smooth with tiny bumps. On the white letters it kinda feels like the people that made the letters grabbed paint and smudged it on there with a sponge. The torquise letters feel fuzzy and puffy. On the inside of the sweater it is obviously the warmest. It has a bunch of little fuzzies or lint because of washing it too much. It's so soft inside like a babies first blanket that just makes you want to cuddle up inside and go to sleep.

If I didn't have my hoodie I swear I could die. I just always feel naked without it and because I don't like to show my arms. I have nothing to hide I just get cold a lot. Plus if the sweater is big enough you can slap someone with it if you want. I'm glad my mom gave me this as a gift, I mean yeah it's a bit old now but I'll always love the little things she does for me.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 3

4-3-4-3

Sentences generally vary in length and structure, and are usually correct, in this response about a hoodie. Phrasing generally sounds natural. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are usually correct, and the errors that are evident do not distract the reader.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

My little brown teddy-bear is most-likely **the** most important thing to me. As of, why it is so important, what it looks like/feels like etc.

The reason why its so imporant is... Because it was given to me at a **very** young age. That's also why it has sentimental value. Its also one of the few things I don't have to share with my brother. Since he gets nearly everything that's mine.

My teddy bear is the cliché of stuffed animals. It's light brown(kind of like coffee). It's soft, at least in my opinion. It's worn but thats just because of how its kind of old and well loved it is. It has a red and purple bow-tie(amazing right?). Its also squishy(I know its a childish term). It also has black and burgundy eyes.

I belive it was given to me by my Grandmother. It's also taught me a valuable lesson which is how to sew properly. It is also well loved, hence why its so worn. I belive I've had it since i was 2 or 3. So its obviously at a little old.

My little teddy-bear **is the most important** thing to me. Outside of people of course.Because then I would write something completely different.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 2

3-3-3-2

Sentences occasionally vary in length and structure in this response about a teddy bear. Phrasing sounds unnatural. Fragments and run-ons sometimes confuse the reader. Grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling errors are evident and may distract the reader.

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Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

Getting the job i want.

I want to be a marine. I will need a highschool diploma. My dad has a friend that was a marine. He told my dad that the first thing i should do is start running. when i am at my house i try to run as much as i can. I've wanted to be a marine since i was six. I can picture me now. the smell of dust in the air.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 2

1-1-1-2

Sentences seldom vary in length and structure in this brief response about being a marine. Phrasing occasionally sounds unnatural. A fragment may cause confusion to the reader. Some grammar and punctuation errors may also distract the reader.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

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computer

the item i consider the most important to me is my computer. without that i would have less of a way to pass time. i would lose contact of my frends. i would have to find new way to do some of my home work. there is a very long list but i am not going to bother you to have to read.

a computer is sort of like like a child it can sleep, it is very fragile and, it can be told what to do. there are diferences between a child and a computer. a child will comlain and, a computer will not a computerdosen not have a skeloton but, that is not the point i am hear to discuss a i'm hear to prove and show how and why i like my comuter

a computer is the most important to me it is usaly sleek and rectanguler. if i still have not conviceed you yet i would like to know what you have aganst computers.

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 1

1-1-2-1

Numerous grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling errors distract the reader throughout this response about a computer. Fragments and run-ons confuse the reader, and phrasing sounds awkward and unnatural.

Writing Topic

Think of something that is important to you.

It might have been given to you as a gift, something you bought or found, something you earned, or something you learned.

Write a descriptive essay using sensory details so the reader can picture it. Include reasons why this is important to you.

I earned money ever weekned I go sped it on something .On candy fun things . My ant say that if I eat so much candy I will have a sugar rush.Will back to earning stiff sometimes my ant say get stiff that you need and we all say ok . I get something that I went to spend with my money .

Sentence Fluency / Conventions: 1

1-1-1-1

In this brief response about money, numerous fragments and run-ons cause confusion, and the grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling errors throughout the response distract the reader. Phrasing sounds awkward and unnatural.